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Dining and Shopping

The small town of Sandpoint is lucky to boast so many dining options including ethnic choices, fine dining, casual and waterfront. Following is only a small sampling.

Newest Restaurants:

Take the family out for dinner. Options include Mexican cuisine at **Jalapeno's**, delicious Italian cuisine at **Arlo's** and authentic Thai food at **Bangkok Grill**.

Second Avenue Pizza is a favorite with the kids with hand tossed pizzas piled high with your choice of ingredients. **MickDuff's** on First Avenue offers fine pub food and locally crafted ales.

The **Chimney Rock Grill** at Schweitzer Mountain specializes in Northwest cuisine with hand cut steaks, buffalo burgers and fresh fish, perfect for filling up after a day of skiing or mountain biking. **The Hydra** is Sandpoint's original steak house. The dining room is accented with stained glass and loads of plants to create a warm and comfortable atmosphere. Menu includes steaks and prime rib, fresh seafood, pasta and salad bar.

A Night out on the Town: Eichardt's Pub and Grill is the locals' favorite hangout with plenty of beers on tap including Guinness and a great menu that is sure to fill after a day of play in Sandpoint. Eichardt's is inspired by the owners visit to the original Eichardt's in New Zealand.

Fine dining: Make a stop at **Ivano's** Italian cuisine in town. The menu is inspired from the northern provinces of Italy. Handmade gnocchi and pastas with veal, chicken and even rabbit are not to be missed. Try **Ivano's Cafe** for lunch and more casual yet equally gourmet lunch items including calzones and quiche.

Spud's Rotisserie and Grill serves up excellent rotisserie meats and as its name implies, potatoes galore. Try their homemade soups for lunch along with a sandwich, salad or loaded baked potato. **Cafe Trinity** brings southern-inspired menu items such as gumbo and etoufee. They also have steaks and seafood.

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Lunches include great sandwiches and big salads. Outside dining available creek side.

Waterfront dining in the summer: The Beach House at The Best Western Edgewater Resort in Sandpoint offers waterfront dining with awesome views and an outside deck for cocktails and dinner. Menu features pasta, steaks and seafood. The 30 minute drive out to Hope is well worth it for a couple of waterfront dining options. **The Floating Restaurant** literally floats on the lake in Hope with excellent views and lake breezes. Sit outside or inside and enjoy regional fare with homemade breads, sauces and soups. Full bar, wine list and kids menu too. Sunday Champagne brunch. **Bottle Bay Resort** open in the summer only, offers casual dining over the lake with a beautiful view.

Cafes: Coffee house culture in Sandpoint is alive and well with many choices. **Monarch Mountain Coffee** roasts their own coffee and is a favorite locals' hangout offering tea, baked goods and breakfast burritos as well. Stop by **F.C. Weskil's** next to the **Panida Theater** for some culture, great coffee and pastries and internet access **Pine Street Bakery** is known for its buttery, french style pastries. They serve fresh roasted coffee from Santa Cruz. Of course, no town is a town until it has its own **Starbucks**, located at First Avenue in town.

Idaho's award winning Winery: The Pend d'Oreille Winery is a must-stop visit for any wine lover. Located in downtown Sandpoint, the tasting room is also a fine home and kitchen store with unique gift solutions and great home decor ideas. Wander through the merchandise while enjoying a glass of Pend d'Oreille Cabernet Sauvignon. Voted best winery in Idaho in 2003, the wine is made right here on the premises from grapes grown in the Walla Walla area.

Home of Coldwater Creek: Located on First Avenue, **Coldwater Creek** was founded here in Sandpoint in the home of Dennis Pence who still leads the company today as its CEO. It has thrived into a national catalog and retail store.

Shop til you drop: Wander First Avenue, Cedar Street, Second Avenue and explore around to 5th Avenue for an eclectic shopping experience. From art galleries to books, outdoor apparel, northwest home furnishings, and hand painted tiles. Spend hours exploring **Fosters Crossing** on 5th Avenue. This antique and country market boasts 3 floors of shopping. If you get hungry, take a break at **Bodega's**, a cosmopolitan eatery serving sandwiches, soups and

artisan gelato.

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